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STATEMENT ACCOMPANYING INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

The accompanying Information Disclosure Statement cites references that were cited in the applicant's U.S. Application No. 10/905,644, which relates to technology similar to that disclosed and claimed in the present application. Certain claims in the '644 application were rejected as being anticipated by or anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,632,371 to *Best et al.* or U.S. Patent No. 6,588,568 to *Flippo*. One claim was rejected as being unpatentable over *Best et al.* in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,625,830 to *Wehmeyer et al.* Submission of the cited documents is not intended to reflect an admission that the documents are necessarily prior art to the present application.

If the Examiner is of the opinion that a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any outstanding issues, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned.

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